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VALUATION PLANNING & CALCULATION MANAGER

IT costs are a significant factor for the company as a whole. That's why it's vital to plan expenditures in detail and reliably and to observe them constantly. Depending on their economic objectives, the purchasers of services should coordinate their IT budget with the IT service organization at an early stage. Consolidation, standardization and detailing of cost data, as well as automated processing of it, place high demands on IT. They can only be met by a solution specifically for IT cost planning/calculation and budgeting.

BENEFITS

Valuation enables you to

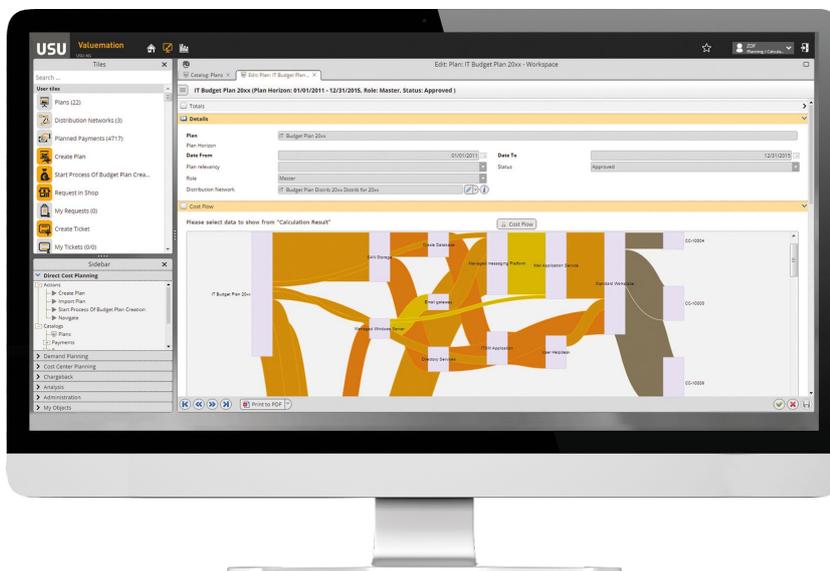
Achieve high accuracy in your planning thanks to valid base values and reliable forecasts

Make pricing easily understandable to service customers by taking into account agreed purchase quantities in cost calculation

Speed up budget coordination with other business areas thanks to a common, detailed data repository

Actively monitor and control IT costs, since you have an insight into the latest actual and planned costs at all times

Respond in time and flexibly to changes, since you identify discrepancies between planned and actual figures promptly.



Planning and assessment of cost flows using the example of a standard workstation

KEY FACTS

The Valuation Planning & Calculation Manager is a module in USU's Valuation suite.

You can use it to

Map your IT business plans and cost-planning processes in detail

Calculate unit costs flexibly and distribute IT costs across service modules

Simulate various planning and revenue scenarios as and when required

Use helpful, informative reports enabling reliable business forecasts

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Other relevant modules:

- Costing & Charging Manager
- Service Portfolio Manager

Objectives

— The Valuation Planning & Calculation Manager lets you create a high degree of transparency on current and future IT costs and control them efficiently in the entire process chain. Throughout the year, you'll be able to keep a close eye on your IT budgets and take timely corrective action whenever there are discrepancies between planned and actual expenses. To enable IT service cost calculation, you access the planned purchase quantities and resources to be used (personnel and infrastructure). That means you can provide information at all times, adapt planned data flexibly as and when required and document changes in an audit-compliant manner.

Flexible Costing of IT Services

— As part of IT cost planning and budgeting, you can use the Valuation Planning & Calculation Manager to transfer already tied-up personnel/fixed costs from ERP systems and costs from existing agreements to planning. With the help of so-called distribution networks, you'll be able to flexibly allocate IT costs to IT services and visualize them in a multilevel process. What's more, you'll also be able to depict service modules that are needed for controlling internal IT costs and keeping them transparent. To simplify data input, the assignment network is loaded from a CSV file or the service structures defined in the Valuation Service Portfolio Manager are used directly for service planning and service-cost calculation.

Calculating IT Service Costs on a Customized Basis

— In calculating service costs and prices, you can allow for customer-specific purchase quantities and depict various scenarios in order, for example, to reveal the impact on unit costs if the customer's situation changes. You can simulate prices by entering percentage values, surcharges and specifying the rounding method to be applied. The pricing process is also supported by previously calculated unit costs for service modules. In this way, planned incomes fully reflect anticipated usage levels: An income simulation allows you to check your price structure to make sure that you will, in fact, achieve your desired earnings. This allows you to verify whether anticipated income levels are proportionate to the defined budget. Depending on your business model, you can then set your price structure. With flexible rolling planning you can readily update your data to reflect changes in general conditions.

Analysis and Forecast of IT Costs

— Flexible reporting functions support you in depicting various scenarios and coordinating budgets with the relevant planners. This means that your discussions about IT investments and their impact on other cost centers will be based on solid data. Predefined, role-based standard reports enable fast data preparation. The forecast function lets you see discrepancies between planned and actual figures and so derive forecasts for the remaining planning period. This means that you'll be able to detect budget overruns early on and respond in a prompt, timely manner.